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Danny King and Sarah May awarded top prizes

London: March 7, 2002: The winners of the Amazon.co.uk Writers' Bursary Awards 2001 are Danny King and Sarah May. The two authors were presented with their awards at the Sanderson Hotel, London by Amazon.co.uk Managing Director Robin Terrell.

May's *Spanish City* and King's *The Bank Robber Diaries* were chosen from a shortlist of six projects by a distinguished judging panel comprising David Baddiel, Maya Jaggi, Emily Perkins, Jenny Colgan and Rachel Holmes.

Commenting on the awards, David Baddiel said, "Amazon.co.uk's award provides the space and time needed by authors who have already enjoyed initial success with a first novel. These writers are all immensely talented and it is fantastic that we can showcase this through these awards and ensure that they continue to publish further works to fulfil their potential.

"We were captivated by the worlds brought to us by both *Spanish City* and *The Bank Robber Diaries*. Sarah May and Danny King operate at very different ends of the literary spectrum, which shows just how much talent is out there."

Rachel Holmes, Web site manager of Amazon.co.uk and member of the judging panel, said, "The awards are designed fundamentally to showcase and support British talent today. We felt to offer financial and creative support was in tune with the needs of the authors and we recognise that it can often be as, or even more, challenging to complete a second or third novel as a debut."

The Amazon.co.uk Writers' Bursaries, now in their second year, awards each author with a bursary of £3,500 plus £500 worth of Amazon.co.uk gift certificates.

The final shortlist of authors comprised:

Eleanor Bailey for *Marlene Dietrich Lived Here*
Janette Jenkins for *Another Elvis Love Child*
Danny King for *The Bank Robber Diaries*
Sarah May for *Spanish City*
Charlotte Mendelson for *Daughters of Jerusalem*

Notes to editors: Entrants must have published one previous novel or volume of short stories within the last two years and have been recommended by their publisher, agent or Amazon.co.uk customers. Entrants must be over the age of 18.

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